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SUBJECT: CULTURAL COOPERATION IN YOUTH/SPORTS FIELD

1. DR. AHMAD EFFAT CALLED ON AMBASSADOR FEW DAYS AGO TO SAY HE HAD RECEIVED A "PROTEST" FROM DR. ABDUL HAMID HASSAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, THAT LATTER'S ORGANIZATION HAD BEEN SLIGHTED IN NOT BEING INCLUDED IN EGYPTDEL TO RECENT JWG ON CULTURAL COOPERATION. HASSAN RECOGNIZES THIS OMMISSION IS ATTRIBUTABLE SOLELY TO EGYPTIAN SIDE, BUT BELIEVES HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY ALSO OFFERS SCOPE FOR USG-GOE COOPERATION. SPECIFICALLY, HASSAN SUGGESTS:

- A. EXCHANGE OF YOUTH VISITS BETWEEN US AND EGYPT
- B. PROGRAMS TO EXCHANGE SPORTS TEAMS
- C. TRAINING COURSES -- TYPE UNSPECIFIED -- IN US FOR EGYPTIAN YOUTH AND SPORT LEADERS
- D. ESTABLISHING AND EQUPPING A NATIONAL SPORT TRAINING CENTER
- E. EXCHANGE OF BOOKS, SCIENTIFIC REFERENCES, VISUAL AND ORAL AIDS IN SPORTS
- F. ASSISTANCE IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT
- G. EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF FINANCING SPORT MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT.

2.EFFAT SUGGESTED THAT THIS TYPE OF YOUTH/SPORT COOPERATION IS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT IT MIGHT BE INDEPENDENTLY PURSUED OUTSIDE OF JWG ON CULTURAL COOPERATION. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS WILL HAVE TO COME FROM THOSE ALLOTTED

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TO CULTURAL PROGRAMS, BUT NOTED SOME SUCH ACTIVITY IS ALREADY

TAKING PLACE IN CONTEXT USIS PROGRAM. SOME AMERICAN TEAMS HAVE BEEN HERE AND WE HOPE TO CONTINUE THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY. RE SENDING EGYPTIAN TEAMS TO US, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOE. A NUMBER OF HASSAN'S POINTS ALSO SUBSUMED IN WHOLE OR PART IN WORK OF EXISTING JWG'S AND HASSAN SHOULD REMIND HIS GOE COLLEAGUES OF HIS ORGANIZATION'S INTEREST IN SUCH THINGS AS CULTURAL EXCHANGE, HEALTH EDUCATION, ETC.

3. WE INTEND EXPLORE SPORTS MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT IDEA WITH PRIVATE AMERICAN COMMERCIAL FIRMS TO ASCERTAIN IF THERE IS ANY INTEREST.
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